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PURCHASE OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS BY FSI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the deep sea fishing vessels owned by Fishery Survey of India(FSI);

(b) whether the FSI are purchasing a number of foreign fishing vessels;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it is likely to be useful;

(d) whether the Union Government have given approval to FSI to acquire more vessels for its use;

(e) if so, the details of acquisition done by the FSI during 2002-2003 and proposed to be done during 2003-2004;

(f) the amount spent thereon; and

(g) the reasons for purchasing of said vessels ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The details of Deep Sea fishing vessels presently owned by Fishery Survey of India (FSI) is given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c): The Government is in the process of acquiring two Monofilament Long liners atan estimated cost of US$ 6689,000 (Rs.32,27,44,250) for harvesting of the tuna resources along with the by-catch by Fishery Survey of India.The MonofilamentLongline system is considered more suitable in the Indian context.

(d)&(e): Only 2 vessels are being acquired as mentioned at (c) above. These vessels are likely to be delivered in 2004-2005.

(f): An expenditure of Rs.2,89,50,178/- has been incurred in connection with acquisition of these Two vessels so far.

(g): To replace two of the old and obsolete vessels of the fleet, carry out survey of tuna, bill fish etc. and also to demonstrate the latest technology to the fishermen and industry.